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Sermon – Getting Older

Scripture – Ecc 12

Main Message – The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed by the name of the Lord.

Many here today or listening from afar are well aware that we are getting older. We feel it in our bodies. We feel it in our heart. For a moment, think back to a time when before you were hopes and dreams, aspirations, boundless energy, and a passion for life. Recall those days of our youth. For those of you who are still young, don't squander this portion of your life because the same demise is for us all, unless by accident or disease we pass early. Today, I want to read to you something from the Book of Ecclesiastes. It's the last chapter, which is fitting, because for many, one day, we will enter into that last chapter of our life.

Read Ecc 12

Because this is a different culture and a different time, we don't talk in such flower terms, it holds more depth than simply saying it in logical terms.

There will come a time, when things are a little dimmer, that we can no longer easily hear the music of life, when our passions have passed us by. The elderly get to a point where they are afraid of the risks taken in their youth. Children climb trees, but the elderly do not. Kids ride their bikes over homemade ramps, without a helmet, and injure themselves only to back and do it again. The youth have a mindset that they will live forever. Often the elderly caution themselves and make plans for a future time.

One day, when that cord is cut and we die – physical death that is, the same thing happens to us all – at this stage in God's plan. What happens when you die? Flesh goes back to earth. Spirit goes back to God

The flesh, which comes from the earth, decomposes and goes back (returns) to the earth. Our Spirit does not. It is not of this earth. It is of God. IT Also RETURNS from where it came – and it came from God. That is why the wisest man who has ever lived, tells us to Remember God, before it is too late.

So you may not climb trees anymore, but you can still serve God. You aren't doing wheelies on your bicycle anymore, but you can proclaim His Name always. The preacher says throughout Ecclesiastes – meaningless, meaningless, or vanity of vanities. Life here is temporary, but we treat it with such importance and in many ways wasting our time here doing things that for us all, should we live long enough, no longer of primary interest or concern.

Finish with the last verses of Ecclesiastes. The eternal things, the most important things are to do exactly what this preacher says. FEAR GOD (obey, honor, fear, glorify God) and keep his commandments, because these things are eternal. All good deeds and evil ones will be judged, but thank you JESUS for insuring our sins will never be judged because of our active Belief.

Amen